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Hello Everyone,

As a Leadership Board we are continuing to diligently monitor the outbreak and its implications. We must all keep in mind that the current COVID-19 outbreak situation is ever-changing. It is possible that the government agencies responsible for public safety and welfare will either issue new directives and guidelines or amend existing ones. With the recent changes announced today, the Leadership Board is making the decision to close Providence doors to all gatherings that include our weekly programs and services until further notice. Also, the Mission and Vision meeting scheduled for March 31, 2020 will be rescheduled.

We understand that this crisis has caused many people to feel uncertain, concerned, or even afraid for their own well-being and the well-being of those they love. Perhaps the most difficult and unnerving element for us as human beings, living in this moment, is that this is a situation beyond our control. This is precisely why we need a clear perspective, remembering that while we must be wise, careful, and diligent, we must also be resolved to put our faith in God, and listen to doctors and trusted members of the scientific community. Above all, it is vitally important that we not be driven by fear of the unknown or uncontrollable.

For this Sunday March 22, 2020 a service will be Live Streamed for you to view and participate along with in your homes. The Leadership Board will continue to work together on how we can still be a light and rock in our communities during this time through many different avenues of communication. Let's continue to use the resources at our fingertips to encourage and support those around us. Even in our own body we have nurses, care givers, police, fire fighters and support staff who will be called to the front line to do what they do best. Let's keep them and the leaders of our country in our prayers.

Let's not be anxious but let us start preparing for the opportunities to serve the Lord in unique ways during this time. We have an opportunity here to bond with our families, but also with our small communities on the streets we live, to extend love and care for our neighbours. Please check on your neighbours and our seniors. If they need something offer it up or reach out to the body for help. I know we have plenty within our circles. And once again do not hesitate to reach out to the Leadership Board for assistance. This can be done by email [board@providencecrc.ca](mailto:board@providencecrc.ca) or leaving a message with the church office 905-563-0955 ext.0.

Peace, we will soon gather again!

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